

REMARKS

Claims 2-5 and 7-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 10 and 13 are amended to more clearly recite the features of the claims, as suggested by the Examiner during the June 2 personal interview. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance by more clearly reciting the features of the claims (for the reasons discussed herein and as suggested by the Examiner during the personal interview); (b) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments place the claims in better form; (c) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Huynh during the June 2 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Tyler, Denise, *Microsoft Front Page 97*, Sams, net Publishing, January 17, 1997, pgs. 3-29 (hereinafter "Tyler"). The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

As suggested by the Examiner during the personal interview, Applicant amended claim 10 to more clearly recite the features of the claim. As discussed during the personal interview support for the amendment to claim 10 can at least be found in Fig. 1 of the application. In particular, as discussed during the personal interview, Tyler fails to disclose the combination of features recited in amended claim 10, including, inter alia, a method of authoring a document, comprising linking a goals outline comprising organization of

document information content to a presentation outline based on the inputs and the data, generating a card based on the external information, and storing the card as data in the memory, wherein at least one of the goals outline and the presentation is linked to the card.

For at least these reasons Applicants submit that Tyler fails to disclose all the features recited in claim 10. Accordingly, Tyler fails to anticipate all the features of claim 10, as well as all the features of claims 11-12, which depend from claim 10.

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tyler in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,347,628 issued to Brewer et al. (hereinafter "Brewer"). The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

As suggested by the Examiner during the personal interview, Applicants amended claim 13 to more clearly recite the features of the claim. Further, as discussed during the personal interview, the combination of Tyler and Brewer fails to disclose or suggest a method of authoring a document, comprising, inter alia, linking a goals outline comprising organization of document information content to a presentation outline including appearance characteristics for the document being authored based on the input and the data, and displaying on a display device a meta-level display of the goals outline and the presentation outline for the document being authored, as recited in amended claim 13.

As discussed during the personal interview, the calendar icon 23 of Brewer merely activates a calendar, and is in no way a presentation outline including appearance characteristics of the document being authored, as recited in claim 13. Further, reference number 35, which is identified in the Office Action, is a window (col. 4, line 10), which merely shows the files which are in the drawer and does not in any way present a goals outline for the document being authored.

Second, as discussed during the personal interview, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's reason for combining Tyler and Brewer is without merit because neither

reference discloses any reasonable nexus between a graphical image document of a meta-level display and linking a presentation outline to a goals outline to author a document. Further, the Office Action fails to provide a clear and particular suggestion, teaching, or motivation to combine the references which is an "essential evidentiary component of an obviousness holding". Rather, as discussed during the personal interview, the Office Action merely provides a broad conclusory statement about the results of the combination - the after-effect of the combination of the references, which is not evidence of motivation to combine these references.

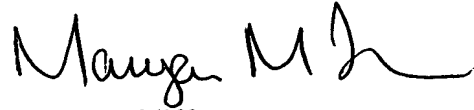
For at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Tyler and Brewer fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claim 13, as well as all the features of claim 14, which depends from claim 13. It is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 10-14 in addition to already allowed claims 2-5 and 7-9 are earnestly solicited.

Applicants do not believe any additional extensions of time are required at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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